Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer's report:

Thanks to the authors for addressing the issues I raised in my previous review. I am content with the revised manuscript and I would like to recommend it for publication.

I only have some minor textual issues left to report:

Introduction line 7 page 4: ") ( . . . ) sex differences tend to diminish in older age groups with femal to male ratio of- [1]."

The actual ratio has gone missing

Tables 1 and 2: The author's name of study 6 is "van der Maas". In both tables the name has been misspelled. This should be corrected.

Figure 1: In the third box, "(10)" should be "(n=10)".
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